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Sent: 11/3/2020 2:43:29 PM
To: Sanders, Amy [Sanders.Amy@epa.gov]; Liebau, Joseph [Liebau.Joseph@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FEB Update 11/3: Election Safety, Grad Students Seek Research Projects, Health Care Open Benefits, Federal Hiring

Yes, I wasn't seeing anything specific enough to use as a forward. Tomorrow may be more the focus so perhaps they will send out updated advisories later today.

From: Sanders, Amy <Sanders.Amy@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Liebau, Joseph <Liebau.Joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FEB Update 11/3: Election Safety, Grad Students Seek Research Projects, Health Care Open Benefits, Federal Hiring

FEB has shared a heightened awareness bulletin, but it does not appear to be focused on current events—more general heightened awareness.

From: Jean Brown - 5A <jean.brown@gsa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:03 AM
To: _Master <febmaster@gsa.gov>; _HR <FEBHR@gsa.gov>; _Master2 <febmanagers@gsa.gov>; _COOP <chicagofebcoop@gsa.gov>
Cc: Anita Leach <anita.leach@gsa.gov>
Subject: Re: FEB Update 11/3: Election Safety, Grad Students Seek Research Projects, Health Care Open Benefits, Federal Hiring

Colleagues, resending with attachments. My apologies. JB

On Tue, Nov 3, 2020 at 6:16 AM Jean Brown - 5A <jean.brown@gsa.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Colleagues, In this email:

- Election Safety & Security,
- Grad Students Looking for Research Projects
- Health Care Open Season Resources
- Federal Hiring Initiatives
- OPM Memo: Streamlining Removal Procedures
- Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

Election Safety and Security

Federal Protective Service Information Bulletin (1 Attachment)

Heightened Awareness and Suspicious Activity Reporting During this Election Period

Primary components:

National Situation Overview

Defining Suspicious Activity

Incidents of Suspicious Activity (recent)

Common Pre-Attack Indicators

This bulletin also contains links to resources that can assist you in identifying potential suspicious activity.

For immediate reporting of incidents, please contact the 24-hour FPS number:

1-877-437-7411 (1-877-4-FPS-411)

NO COST Research Project Opportunities at UIC

The Masters of Public Administration (MPA) and the Masters of Public Policy (MPP) programs at the University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) are soliciting Capstone projects from government agencies and nonprofit organizations for the spring 2021 semester. These “learning in action” projects give students in the two programs the opportunity to work on practical problems with the support of faculty in a real-world situation. Each student team works with a client agency or organization on a particular problem or challenge on which the students’ expertise can be brought to bear. Areas of specialization include financial management, human resource management, program evaluation, information management and public policy. The projects last the entire semester so that there is an opportunity for the students to do in-depth work.

The deadline for project proposals for the spring 2021 semester is December 4.

The request for proposals and application form for can be found at the following URL - <https://cuppa.uic.edu/academics/pa/pa-programs/master-public-administration/mpa-capstone/>

Questions? Contact Professor James Thompson at jthomp@uic.edu or 312.355.0304.

Federal Employee Health Care Open Season Resources

Open Season runs from November - through December 14, 2020

Find all your Open Season resources at <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/open-season/>

Benefits Administration Letter (BAL) (4 Attachments)

Benefits Administration Letter 20-403 provides information on significant changes for the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) for the upcoming Federal Benefits Open Season. Please note there are significant changes for both FEHB and FEDVIP for the 2021 plan year.

If you have specific questions, please contact your agency’s headquarters benefits officer. If you do not know who this person is, please go to <http://apps.opm.gov/abo/> where you will find a list of agencies and their Headquarters Benefits Officers.

OPM/HHS Memo: Join Feds Fighting the FLu

As the Nation fights COVID-19, an annual flu vaccine is more important than ever. The fact is that the flu is dangerous. Each year, millions of Americans of all ages become ill with the flu, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and tens of thousands die. Flu vaccines are safe and getting vaccinated reduces the risk of getting sick with flu or winding up in the hospital if you do get flu.

Read the full OPM/HHS Memo here:
<https://www.chcoc.gov/content/join-feds-fighting-flu>

Flu Season 2020-2021 Outreach Tools and Resources:
<https://www.chcoc.gov/sites/default/files/Attachment%20Join%20Feds%20Fighting%20Flu%202020%20%28003%29.pdf>

Federal Recruitment and Hiring Initiatives

University and Veteran Outreach Webinar with GSA

Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:30 am - 12:30 pm CT

Registration is required for this event.

<https://gsa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-6urjkrHgrP2zYpThln0Hffn4pBNUQ>

Sign your agency up for an outreach event by emailing chicagofeb@gsa.gov

Government College Relations Council Fall 2020 Public Service Virtual Career Fair

Friday, November 13, 2020 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Are you looking for talented, ambitious, and energetic candidates with a passion for public service? Maybe you don't have positions open today, but are you interested in speaking with potential candidates about future openings with your agency?

Co-Hosted by UIC Career Services on the joinhandshake.com online platform.

Student/alumni Registration

https://uic.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/20178/student_preview?token=mEkmyHw2i8Thg90-2tvf4_tMh8r2BQpVip3wRdi-H-89CV516Yu7pQ

Employer/recruiter Registration

https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/20178/employer_preview?token=mEkmyHw2i8Thg90-2tvf4_tMh8r2BQpVip3wRdi-H-89CV516Yu7pQ

Please note that the employer registration fee of \$100 will be waived for this year 2020 due to the special circumstances we are all experiencing.

The **Government College Relations Council (GCRC)** membership is composed of representatives from many government agencies, colleges and universities in the Chicago area. Federal, state, county, city and local government agencies are being invited to attend. College students and recent graduates from our associate schools will be in attendance. This event is free and open to the students/alumni from GCRC member schools.

Additional National Updates:

OPM Memo: Promoting Accountability and Streamlining Removal Procedures

OPM issued a memorandum to Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies titled, "Executive Order 13839, Promoting Accountability and Streamlining Removal Procedures Consistent with Merit System Principles – Data Collection Requirement for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020."

The full memo is available here: <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/executive-order-13839-promoting-accountability-and-streamlining-removal-procedures-0>

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness Unveils Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

USICH released a new Federal Strategic Plan: "Expanding the Toolbox: The Whole-of-Government Response to Homelessness".

The plan focuses on increased self-sufficiency and a dramatic reduction in homelessness across America.

https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/USICH-Expanding-the-Toolbox.pdf

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